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25X1 1.  the following prices were in effect in Misu-ri (BT-4022):

<u>COMMODITY</u>	<u>UNIT<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>PRICE IN NK WON</u>
Rice, white	1 small mal	700
Millet	1 small mal	450
Beans, yellow	1 small mal	200
Beans, red	1 small mal	700
Beans, green, small	1 small mal	700
Noodles	1 kun	250
Noodles, cooked	1 bowl	50
Salt	1 small mal	400
Gilthead	10	400

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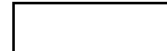
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Cake, rice	each	10
Candy, rice	1 kun	200
Sheet, cotton, good quality	20 feet	1,000-1,200
Socks	1 pair	200
Handkerchief, towel	each	600
Shoes, rubber, women's	1 pair	800
Soap, laundry	1 bar	300
Cigarettes, supok (sic)	1 pack	50
Matches	1 pack	15
Pencil	each	20
Hoe	each	300

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2.  the following commodity prices were in effect in the Ongjin (N 37-56, E 125-22) (YC-0801) area, Hwanghae Province.<sup>2</sup> The price of grains was lower than before the armistice, but the price of foods and daily necessities in general was higher.

<u>COMMODITY</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PRICE IN NK WON</u>
Rice, Korean	1 small mal	550
Millet	1 small mal	500
Beans	1 small mal	250
Beans, red	1 small mal	350
Corn	1 small mal	300
Corn, Indian	1 small mal	200
Wheat	1 small mal	300
Beef	1 kun	300
Pork	1 kun	250
Chicken	each	400-600
Cow (first quality)	1 head	50,000
Rubber shoes, black, women's made in South Korea	1 pair	1,500
Rubber shoes, black, men's, made in South Korea	1 pair	1,800
Rubber shoes, white, women's, made in South Korea	1 pair	2,000
Canvas shoes, low cut, made in Communist China	1 pair	650

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Canvas shoes, high cut, made in Communist China	1 pair	1,200
Paper	20 sheets	400
Pencils	each	50
Cigarettes	1 package of 20	50
Matches	10 packages	200
Firewood	1 bundle	30
Kerosene	4 hop	500
Cotton cloth, wide	1 yard	370
Cotton cloth, home-made	1 p'il	1,500
Soap, laundry	1 bar	250-300
Soap, toilet	1 bar	150-200

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Comments

1. The western equivalents of the Korean units of measurement used are:  
small mal, one quarter of a bushel or a little less than 15 pounds;  
one kun, 1.32 lbs. or 600 grams; one hop, .3 pint; one p'il, 50 feet.

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